

Leicester,
Sat. p. m.
Mar. 20/69.

Dear friend Garrison,

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Yours to me of 18th came
yesterday. It must have met, on the
road, one from me to you, communicating
nearly the same facts ^{you} ~~me~~ I wrote to ~~you~~.

It does seem to me highly
proper that Mr. Fessell should be
our Chairman; - unless it should be
deemed more so, (as I think probable) than
you should be). I had, at first,
desired you should be the Secretary,
and put the matter in proper shape
upon the Records of the Trustees; but
you seemed to be disinclined to take that
office. - I have so many things in
hand just now, that I would a little
rather not add the work of ~~the~~ ^{that} Secretary
ship to it. It seems to me, ⁱⁿ a pretty full
statement of our position should be
spread upon those records; - and I fear
I cannot find the time for it, at present
~~of over~~.

If however you, either as President or as Chairman of a Comttee, would prepare such a statement, I could have it properly entered upon the records. —

Always providing, however, that we get those Records; and this will depend upon the question whether the Court's action controls ^{them} already, ~~the records~~, & whether ^{if not} ~~the Court~~ they will pass an order for the delivery of the records to the New trustees. I have written to Mr. Davis on that subject.

We ought to have the Records; but I feel quite sure that, if they can hold on to them by any pretext whatever, they will certainly do so.

— It is about time, I suppose, for W. P. to begin his Maledictions upon the Court and ourselves. — I never see the "Standard" now, but I shall want to see what W. P., and our pleasant-tempered friends at

Phil^a, E. M. D. & R. P. - have
to "say about it". Their anger
will be hot; but not of much consequence.

- I now expect to have to go
to Boston by Tuesd. or Wednesday of
next week. If I go, you shall hear
from me. - I infer Mr. Willard
keeps about; and I hope is altogether
well.

We were greatly blessed
and comforted by Edward's safe
return home, yest. afternoon, after
an absence of nearly 3 years.
Having a pretty thorough cold he had
got after landing - having been mostly
used to tropical weather ~~not~~ during
his long absence - He is very well
indeed, & seems no older than when he
left us. With kindest regards to
you all, Truly Yrs.

Sam'l May Jr.

